

PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE**For CONTINUING ITEMS****For Calendar Year: 2004****Issue Title:** In-lieu fee for the undergrounding of utilities**Lead Department:** Community Development**General Plan Element or Sub-Element:** Community Design**1. What are the key issues regarding this item?**

This study will evaluate the effectiveness of establishing in-lieu fees for undergrounding projects as well as delineating districts where the fees would be used. This issue will also include consideration of the elimination of conduit installations as an alternative to undergrounding.

2. Current Status:

This issue was deferred for 2000 to focus staff resources on the Large Home Study Issue. For 2001, the energy crisis forced a shift in priorities due to certain utility companies limiting their resources to work with City staff. On July 8, 2002 an update on this item was presented to Council. The report noted that mapping of overhead utilities was under way which would serve as base data from which undergrounding options would be developed. Future options would include in-lieu fees, waiver agreements and deferral agreements.

During 2003, the mapping of overhead utilities was completed. Staff has begun the analysis (ie. Survey of surrounding communities, etc) and expects the study issue to be completed by late 2004.

3. Estimated work hours for calendar year.

(a) Estimated work hours from the lead department		Over 500
(b) Estimated work hours from consultant(s):		
(c) Estimated work hours from the City Attorney's Office:		25
(d) List any other department(s) and number of work hours:		
Department(s):	Public Works	100
	Finance	100
Total Estimated Hours:		725

reviewed by

Department Director

Date*approved by*

City Manager

Date